Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 22, 2005

An act relating to the Capitol Park.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1210, as introduced, Levine. State capitol: Holocaust memorial.

Existing law provides for the placement of certain memorials on the grounds of the State Capitol.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to create a Holocaust memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol and would make legislative findings about the need for this memorial.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the 2 following:
- 3 (a) Sixty years has passed since the end of World War II and the Jewish Holocaust.
- 5 (b) At least 6 million Jews and 5 million others were murdered in the Holocaust by the Nazis and Nazi sympathizers.
- 7 (c) California is home to about 5,500 Holocaust survivors,
- 8 many of whom continue to seek compassion and understanding
- 9 for the atrocities that they faced in concentration and labor camps
- 10 around Europe during World War II.

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(d) California is home to more than a million Jews, many of whom are descendants of Holocaust victims and survivors.

- (e) The atrocities of the Holocaust must never be repeated in the future; "We shall never forget."
- (f) It is the intent of the Legislature to create an advisory committee for the purpose of determining an appropriate design, construction and dedication of a memorial to Holocaust victims within the Capitol Park.
- (g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the proposed Holocaust memorial be financed through private funds.